









THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1891.

The Esquimaux has proceeded to Western Australia. After the Europa, Rapid, and Lizard have received their crews, they will probably leave for duty at New Guinea, the New Hebrides, and the Solomon Islands, releasing the ships there at present.

A survivor of Meaure's. Howard Smith and son's new steamer, *Perseverance*, was received by the General Steam Navigation Company of London for an express service between Harwich and Hamburg to run in connection with the Great Exhibition. Meaure, William, was born Smith, and Sons, and died almost immediately after the trial trip, when a speech attained on the Admiralty mile was lost. The *Perseverance* is an undeniably valuable addition to Meaure's fleet, and a sensible acquisition to the passenger shipping line.

W. B. Thompson and Company, Dundee, the ship-builders, and it may be stated briefly that the length is 290 ft., with proportionate beam and depth. Her gross tonnage is 1650 tons, and the engines and of 3500 indicated horse-power.

The sailing-saloon is on deck, and a covered deck is the width of the middle bulkhead of the ship,

forming a noble apartment of 375 square, with staterooms and side tables for 70 persons.

The fittings are of satin wood and mahogany, with wall decorations of marquetry and carving. There are also staterooms, a library, and a music room, and two decks for over 200 passengers.

The safety of the vessel is assured by life-boats extending from the keel to the upper deck. The *Perseverance* will not be the largest passenger steamer on the coast, but in speed and finish she will have no superior.

Leaving Sydney on the 2nd of this month, the steamer *Hector* arrived at Captain of the C.I.E. Islands, having completed the round trip to the islands in 20 days, or a 20-days voyage. In that time New Caledonia was called at; two visits were made to the Fijian capital, one to Levuka, the former capital, and a stop made at Aneityum in the New Hebrides. The steamer had been in port for two days later from the New Hebrides.

The steamer was quickly loaded with enormous quantities of bananas, copra, and other products. The open consignment is larger than usual, and there is a perceptible increase in the business of the Australian New Hebrides Company. This, as well as the *Hector*, will be in port at the end of the month.

Mrs NELLIE FARRELL made her re-appearance at the stage of the *Empress Royal* last night after an absence through illness, which has now been of some months. It is need scarcely be added, of most cordial nature; the actress herself, though obliged to spare her injured ankle as much as possible, was as full of fun and frolic as ever, and the "When we are at Sculps" chart was encored. Indian repartees were well received, and the judge by the audience with which Miss Farrell was welcomed her farewell well signalised this evening is certain to be signalled by a crowded house.

"Cinder-Elle" will then be performed for the last time, as "Ray Blas" will close the season. Mr. Leslie will take his well-deserved

vacation next Saturday night—the last night of the season.

Miss CHAMBERS DANEY, whose talents have done so much to make the season a success, the present season at the *Empress Royal*, will take her benefit this evening. For this special occasion the ever-green "East Lynne" is to be revived, where Miss Darrell will appear in one of her best parts as Lydia Isabel, and Mr. George Darrell will repeat his rôle of Captain Tom. Mr. George Lettich begins a season at this house to-morrow, when "The Librarian" will situate.

A flower show in aid of the St. Stephen's Young Men's Institute was opened at St. George's Hall, Newtown, last night, by Mr. J. H. M. Morris, president, who was dressed with flags and streamers, and there was a pretty display of flowers.

The attendance was large, and a brisk business was done in the sale of flowers and plants. During the evening a concert was given, in which Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Clarke, Master E. Burnham, and Mr. J. W. Moore, of Horowhenua took part.

Mr. T. H. G. Lethbridge, a well-known member of the audience, paid a short visit to the performers.

Fenner's meetings held in connection with the "Friends of Prayer" at the Centenary Hall were very successful, and were largely attended.

In the early morning prayer meeting Mr. D. Gilbert took charge, and at 11 o'clock the Rev. H. T. Moore, of the Tabernacle, delivered the "Home Christian Clothing."

The 1 o'clock business-service drew together a large audience, an address being delivered by the Rev. J. Hill, M.A.

The question of the advisability of having business on Sunday, and prayer meetings, and it was decided to call a general meeting and to proceed to complete arrangements. At the afternoon meeting, the Rev. Thomas Jenkins gave a Bible reading on Deut. 1: chapters.

"The Lord our Captain" is the title of the address delivered by the Rev. C. J. Moon at the meeting held in the evening.

The first half-yearly meeting of the Women's Committee of the Ladies' Library in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Mr. S. F. Blackmers occupied the chair. The following were on the platform:—Miss Williams (president), Miss Wales (vice-president), Madam Morgan, Walker, W. E. Wilson, Gillies, Wales, Ardill, and Mrs. Thompson, Rev. J. Hill, Rev. J. W. Moore, Mr. T. H. G. Lethbridge, Mr. G. V. Carey, Field, and G. E. Ardill. The hon. secretary submitted his half-yearly report, in which general satisfaction was expressed with the progress made by the society since its beginning. The society was now six months old. It was an offshoot of the Sydney Temperance World. The platform was regularly visited by the members, and tea and bread and butter given to the inmates. One hundred and fifty-six pledges had been taken by the society. Whenever possible the society had placed in the police courts and had the prisoners remanded to the court. The Sydney Temperance Society, Mrs. Walker had recently attended the Central and Water Police Courts. Public meetings had been held on Sunday afternoon in Macquarie-street, and during the week in the evenings near the old fruit markets in George-street. The money collected in the meetings, £1000, had been sent to the collection funds.

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